

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Dear Sir,

Here in Hawaii I have to say that we only have one real good news source and that is a small locally produced independent paper. We do have two major subscriber newspapers, but they, like all other news sources tend to do little more than re-iterate the canned media released to the major newspapers like the NY Times and Washington Post. Independent media sources are the only venues where investigative reporting continues in this day of canned media. Canned media being what the government and big business sources put out to promote their own interest. This interest rarely serves the interest of the common worker. Furthermore the current trend in mainstream media has taken two very scary branches. The first is the constant promotion of the idea that we need to constantly walk around in fear of terrorist around every corner. This is not news. It does little more than promote a mass psychosis among our population. The other scary branch that the media has taken is its role!

as educator. Normally this would be a good thing. However when the "education" is propagated by Big business and government with specific AGENDAS in mind it amounts to little more than propaganda. Furthermore, these reports that are put in to educate us more often than not re-write objective history and reality. WE NEED REGULATION AGAINST CONSOLIDATION OF MEDIA. If anything we need more regulation than what already loosely exists. To eliminate what regulation that does exist would be a big mistake.